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OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYMERS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
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This paper is submitted in response to the Election Requirement dated October 4, 2001, for which the date for response is November 4, 2001.

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In the Election Requirement, the Examiner stated that election is required of a single species from each of the following genera:

| Genus No. | Description of Genus |
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| I | Polymers set out at p. 7, lines 8-24 or materials containing a moiety of structure I or materials containing a moiety of type II |
| II | oxygen barrier polymers of claim 3 |
| III | oxidation catalysts of claim 12 |
| IV | compatibilizers of claim 10 |
| V | oxygen barrier layers of claim 41 |
| VI | structural layers of claim 43 |

Applicants elect, without traverse, the following species of each of the above genera:

| Genus No. | Elected Species |
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| I | a material containing a moiety of structure I, wherein q_1 , q_2 , q_3 , q_4 , and r are hydrogen; m is $-(CH_2)_1-$; and the linking group is $-(C=O)-O-(CHR)_0-$ |
| II | polyethylene terephthalate |
| III | cobalt |
| IV | a block copolymer of PVDC with EMCM |
| V | an oxygen barrier layer comprising EVOH |
| VI | a structural layer comprising PET |

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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